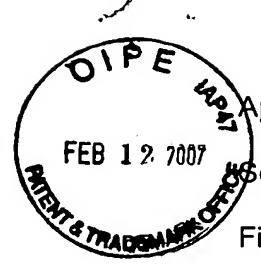


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SIR:

The undersigned notes with thanks the indicated allowance of claims 1-14, in the Notice of Allowability attached to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed November 13, 2006. In the Statement of reasons for allowance in Item 2 on pages 2 and 3 of this Notice of Allowability, the Examiner indicates that the prior art does not disclose "the cumulative limitations of claim 1 with particular attention to the capillary layer formed on the first adhesive layer having a window portion and a sample injection portion . . .".

For purposes of clarification, it is to be noted that the capillary layer has the window portion and the sample injection portion; it is not the first adhesive layer that has the window portion and the sample injection portion.

It is respectfully submitted that the allowed claims are clear that "the capillary layer" has the window portion and the sample injection portion; in this regard, note claim 1, lines 9 and 10; and also note claim 8, lines 8 and 9.

Entry of the foregoing comments in the above-identified application; and, subsequent thereto, and noting payment of the Issue Fee concurrently herewith, issuance of a U.S. patent based upon the above-identified application in due course, are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Kindly charge any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (case 523.42982X00), and please credit any overpayments to such Deposit Account.

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